On a request from the State Government, it has been decided that subject to availability of funds and the requisite clearances of the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance, the Department of Civil Aviation would undertake further, development of the aerodrome. The estimates for the remaining earth work are under preparation.

Payment of DA instalments to the Central Government employees

*32. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the insrease in the price index, more instalments of DA have become due for payment to the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, what is the number of DA instalments which have become due for payment to the Central Government employees as on the 30th June, 1984; and

(c) whether Government propose to release all the DA instalments in view of considerable increase in the prices of essential commodities; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) Consequent on average index crossing 528, 536, 544 and 552 points at the end of December, 1983, January, 1984, March, 1984 and May; 1984; four instalments of Dearness Allowance have become due for consideration with effect from 1-1-1984, 1-2-1984, 1-4-1984 and 1-6-1984 respectively.

Payment of each instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and relief to pensioners costs the exchequer approximately Rs. 70 crores and Rs. 8 crores per annum respectively. Therefore the question of payment of each instalment of Dearness Allowanee has to be considered carefully with regard to their impact on the economic situation and the budget. The question of sanction for payment of these instalments is receiving the attention of the Government.

Raids on Film actors' premises

*33. SHRI BHIM RAJ:

SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Income-tax authorities have recently raided the office and residential premises of film actors Feroze Khan and Rajesh Khanna;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof in each case; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) Income Tax Department conducted searches at the office and residential premises of Shri Feroze Khan, Shri Rajesh Khanna and his relatives during the month of June 1984. The searches resultet in seziure of *prima facie* unaccounted assests of Rs. 15 lakhs from Shri Rajesh Khanna and his relatives. No valuables have been seized from Shri Feroze Khan. The documents seized in course of searches are that scrutiny for taking appropriate steps under various direct taxes acts.

Free Trade Zone at Falta, West Bengal

*34. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made regarding the scheme to build a Free Trade Zone at Falta in West Bengal; and